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SAN FRAN SUES TRUMP OVER SANCTUARY ORDER

1 San Francisco filed a lawsuit on Tuesday challenging President Donald Trump's executive order directing the U.S. government to withhold money from cities that have adopted sanctuary policies toward undocumented immigrants. The lawsuit, filed by San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera, marks the first court challenge over the sanctuary order filed by one of the targeted cities.

Trump signed the directive on sanctuary cities on Jan. 25, along with an executive order to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border, as he charged ahead with sweeping and divisive plans to transform how the United States deals with immigration and national security. REUTERS

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2 Wrapped up from head to toe in a white bag and gently rocking from side to side, five Japanese mothers are hopeful Tokyo's latest health trend can cure their post-pregnancy aches and pains. According to its exponents, Otonamaki, which translates as "adult wrapping," was devised by a Kyoto midwife who thought replicating how children are swaddled at birth could help mothers overcome post labor shoulder and hip pain. The five mothers at a recent session in Tokyo lay on their backs with their knees on their chests bundled up in white cloths. Staff then helped them rock over cushions "It felt warm and there was this feeling with my body," said one mother who tried the 20 minute session. "I have never experienced this before so its quite hard to describe properly." REUTERS

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE CHARGED WITH MURDER

3 William Shakespeare has been charged with murder. A 29-year-old fugitive bearing the name of the literary giant was accused of killing another man in a Mattapan barber shop on June 14, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley said in a statement. Shakespeare was arrested Tuesday morning in the Bronx, following an investigation by the NYPD, the Boston Police Fugitive Unit and U.S. Marshals. Authorities said Shakespeare, of Dedham, shot 31-year-old Marcus Hall in what they are calling a "brazen" daytime shooting at a Blue Hill Avenue barber shop. Afterward, he fled to New York City, where he hid out until he was captured, police said. Conley's office secured a first-degree murder indictment against Shakespeare late last year, while he was still being sought. ERIN TIERNAN

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5 Tourists enjoy ice-track cycling as they ride through an illuminated ice castle during the 33rd Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival at Harbin Ice and Snow World in Harbin, China. The festival, established in 1985, is held annually on Jan. 5 and lasts over a month. GETTY IMAGES

FRAUD AFFAIR ROCKS FILLON'S CAMPAIGN

4 French police searched presidential candidate Francois Fillon's office in parliament on Tuesday as an inquiry into alleged fake work by his wife threatened his campaign and party leaders began to consider a "Plan B" without him. Fillon had been favorite to win the presidency for the conservative Republicans party until a week ago, when it was reported that his wife Penelope had

drawn hundreds of thousands of euros in pay from state funds without doing any work. Fillon has said his Welsh-born wife, with whom he has five children, did real work for her pay as a parliamentary assistant. She has not commented. An urgent official inquiry was opened last week. REUTERS

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Confirm or reject? Democrats weigh strategic decisions on Trump's Cabinet nominees

Blanket opposition is not always the wise choice for leading senators like Elizabeth Warren and Chuck Schumer, according to one Northeastern professor.

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President Trump seen as he signs executive orders. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Elizabeth Warren is one of the Democratic Party's leading liberal figures. The Massachusetts senator has promised to stand up to President Donald Trump and his Cabinet picks, yet voted to confirm Ben Carson as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in committee, despite her previous reservations.

New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, who has vowed to oppose many of Trump's Cabinet nominees, voted to confirm Gen. James Mattis as defense secretary and Gen. John Kelly as Homeland Security secretary.

Those decisions have drawn stinging criticism from their supporters — some called Warren a coward — while Republicans have attacked Democrats for slowing the confirmation hearings and obstructing the process of government.

Democrats like Warren and Schumer, who have spoken forcefully against Trump and his policies, nevertheless face a difficult task when it comes to his Cabinet nominees, said Northeastern University Professor Dan Urman.

Blanket opposition to every nominee isn't usually the best move, said Urman, who teaches courses on American government, the Supreme Court, law and public policy.

"If you oppose every single person Trump nominates, I think you lose some credibility," he said.

So far, only three of Trump's Cabinet picks have been confirmed: Mattis, Kelly and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao. That leaves 12 nominees still awaiting approval, along with the many other positions selected by the president that also require a Senate vote.

"When will the Democrats give us our attorney general and rest of Cabinet!" the president tweeted Tuesday, referring to his nominee, Sen. Jeff Sessions. "They should be ashamed of themselves! No wonder D.C. doesn't work!"

When New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker posted a video to his Facebook page called "First Days of a Trump Administration: We Must Resist," he was flooded with comments urging him to be "much tougher" and oppose all of the Cabinet nominees outright.

But, Urman said, because those Cabinet nominees are all selected by Trump, if one isn't approved, it is conceivable that someone "worse" will come along.

"Pick your battles," Urman said. "Maybe a housing secretary isn't going to do as much damage as a Supreme Court pick. Maybe the secretary of state isn't as damaging as certain executive orders."

Nearly every senator has to deal with casting votes for or against a nominee, which may reverse a previous statement, Urman said. Warren's vote for Carson was "strategic, he said. That vote was cast in committee; the full Senate must still approve the nomination, though Republicans control the majority.

For more on Schumer's position, visit metro.us.

How a Presidential Cabinet is formed

Along with the vice president, the heads of 15 executive departments make up a president's cabinet.

The process begins when the president's nomination goes to a relevant Senate committee. Certain committees have jurisdiction over certain areas; For example, the judiciary committee has jurisdiction over the attorney general and the foreign relations committee has jurisdiction over the Department of State.

A committee's makeup should roughly mirror the ideological balance in the body, but on a smaller scale, Urman said. So if Republicans have control of the Senate, they'll have a majority of the committee, something like seven seats to the Democrats' six.

All 100 senators serve on various committees. Once they have voted to approve a nominee, that person gets "discharged" to the Senate floor, where the entire body will then vote on the nominee.

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Sheriff's plan to send inmates to border wall faces legislative fight

Lawmakers file bills to block effort.

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After a plan hatched by the Bristol County sheriff earlier this month put Massachusetts at the center of President Donald Trump's border wall, lawmakers are pushing back.

Sheriff Tom Hodgson said inmate labor could cut down the price of the wall the president wants build between the U.S. border between Texas and Mexico — which could cost as much as $25 billion — and he offered up his own prisoners for the job.

In response, Democrat Sen. Michael Barrett of Lexington filed a bill last week that would require sheriffs to first earn approval from state officials before sending prisoners out of state.

Another bill, filed by New Bedford Rep. Antonio Cabral, outright bans Massachusetts inmates from working out of state.

Both lawmakers said they oppose Trump's border wall.

"If that's what their motivation is — a political one about a wall — then that's something they have to answer to and grapple with, but the fact is this project didn't start because of the wall," Hodgson said.

The wall is just one of any number of projects he envisions under the umbrella of his pet project, Project NICE — National Inmates' Community Endeavors — in which he and other sheriffs across the U.S. would mobilize inmates to provide relief efforts at natural disaster sites or work on major infrastructure projects.

Barrett said he isn't necessarily opposed to this program, but said "the critical thing that Sheriff Hodgson has to understand is he does not act by himself and under his own power. There is a state constitution and a system of checks and balances."

Inmates already participate in work programs, in which they are voluntarily doing such things as cleaning up graffiti and keeping fields nice. Generally, prisoners make far less than a living wage — the going rate for American prisoners is anywhere from 30 cents to $7 an hour, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

That's far less than Massachusetts' minimum wage of $11 an hour, but then again, prisoners don't pay taxes or room and board. And cheaper labor means cheaper costs for taxpayers, proponents of prison labor argue.

"That's the head-scratching things," Hodgson said, referring to the controversy he's heard. "Why would anybody not want taxpayers to have more resources that would cost less money?"

Besides savings, Hodgson argues hard work builds character and gives purpose to the nearly 2,000 inmates he oversees.

"How many 'thank yous' do you think inmates are going to get by sitting in 10-foot cell all day?" he asked, noting work projects give prisoners a sense of accomplishment.

The difference between picking weeds and cementing bricks on the border, Barrett said, is about 2,000 miles.

"Nothing is more detrimental than putting thousands of miles between an inmate and his community," Barrett said.

The state legislature has prioritized criminal justice reform as a major priority for the session, and Barrett said that means taking a look at programs that help prisoners re-enter society — working in their home communities and garnering family support are a huge part of that.

For more on the border wall issue see metro.us.

Sheriff Tom Hodgson says sending prisoners to build the border wall is good for inmates and taxpayers. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

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Oprah to make her grand return to television

Finally, some good news.

This fall, Oprah will be making the comeback of a lifetime: She'll be joining "60 Minutes" as a special correspondent. According to Vulture, she'll be filing stories that facilitate real conversations between people from different backgrounds.

"I'm so excited and proud to join forces with this historic news program, which for me represents the bastion of journalistic storytelling," Winfrey said in a statement. "At a time when people are so divided, my intention is to bring relevant insight and perspective." You gotta admit— the woman has impeccable timing.

No word yet on whether or not those interviews will be tearful and full of emotions, but a girl can dream.

Dr. Luke continues his war against Kesha

Kesha is still hashing out her legal battle with Dr. Luke, and things have taken a turn for the worse — again. And it's all over … a text message?

That's right. The producer and creep, aka Lukasz Gottwald, is claiming that a text exchange between Kesha and Lady Gaga is part of a grand defamation scheme against him. He believes Kesha has taken on "a malicious campaign to destroy [his] reputation and career," according to Buzzfeed. The text message made no mention of Dr. Luke by name, but did state that another recording artist had been "raped by the same man."

This is such tragic news for Kesha, who, by the way, has had both her reputation and career completely decimated by this man. Dr. Luke still refuses to release Kesha from her contract, and still refuses to release any of her new music, keeping her in a dreadful state of limbo. Going so low as to use a private text message exchange as evidence of a defamation scheme is shameful. Also — disgusting.

Enough, my dude. Grow up, own up.

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RACHAEL CLEMMONS

Chrissy Teigen claps back on Twitter about IVF struggles

One of the small pleasures I take in life is watching Chrissy Teigen handle trolls with aplomb. The woman has a true talent. So it should come as no surprise she handily let a Twitter user know about herself. The very frank model opened up about having another baby with John Legend: And this time, it's going to be a boy.

Teigen has been very open about her fertility issues, and her experience with IVF after having trouble conceiving — which, honestly, is super refreshing. But then, a woman named Linda jumped in Teigen's mentions. Poor Linda, who doesn't know a thing. Linda, a teacher from Florida, who is probably out of her mind, suggested that Teigen "give it a minute to try naturally," and accused her of "avoiding 'the act,'" which, OK, girl.

The "Lip Sync Battle" commentator wrote back:

Teigen suffers no fools.

Pharrell Williams and his wife welcome triplets

Oh, man:

Pharrell Williams definitely knows what it means to "Get Lucky."

According to Vanity Fair, the singer/"Hidden Figures" producer/jack-of-all-the-damn-trades welcomed triplets — TRIPLETS — with his wife, Helen Lasichanh, early in January.

Back in September, Pharrell's rep confirmed the couple was expecting their second child, but I mean, nobody said anything about the third or fourth! They already have one son, Rocket Man Williams (I can't), age 8.

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Léon is definitely not tired of talking

The new Swedish singer-songwriter with the hit of summer 2016 is just getting started.

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Leon's "Tired of Talking" remix featuring A-Trak and Cory Enemy currently has 2.4 million plays on Soundcloud. CATIE LAFFOON

When Sweden's Léon posted "Tired of Talking" to Soundcloud last summer, the singer-songwriter didn't know it would strike a nerve with empowered-female crowds. It was the first track she worked on with producing partner Agrin Rahmani and that contagiously melodic tune won the immediate attention of Columbia Records, which swooped-in and signed them.

Now, eight months and three more singles — "Nobody Cares," "Liar" and the new "Sleep Deprived" — later, Léon is a buzz-worthy artist. Her debut album is due shortly, and she and Rahmani gear up for their first huge tour that brings them to the East Coast this week. Léon phoned from Stockholm on a breezy Friday evening to discuss all of the above.

You've been writing songs since childhood and playing cello, and your folks come from the classical world as instrumentalists and composers. Did they absolutely shriek when you expressed an interest in pop?

Well, I played the cello, as well as my mom, and I wrote songs in all genres growing up, so there was this tear between the classical world and pop. I think they got used to me listening and loving soul music then singing in classical choirs and such. It wasn't as though my going pop came up overnight. Plus, I think they thought it was fun.

It probably can't hurt that you're making money at making pop?

Well ... [laugh] that's the goal. And my mom has played cello on some of my songs. My uncle too.

You went to school for pop music writing and production in Sweden, which I can't help but think must have included ABBA and Max Martin in the syllabus. Was that cool?

It was. [The courses were] more of a post-high school set of classes than a college curriculum. I already had a sound, which was this soul-jazz thing, so I went to learn about the business, the studio and the art of collaboration.

And you met your producing partner there. What did you guys like about each other?

There were like 30 people in our classes, and we had as much similar about us as we had different. I was about jazz and soul with a classical background. He has an indie background.

We actually got put together by a teacher for a project. The songs that we have now were some we wrote in those classes. That's funny to think about. "Liar" and "Tired of Talking" are both 2 years old this month.

Do you pay attention to women protesting Donald Trump and his anti-feminist, anti-abortion politics? Your work is very self-possessed when it comes to displaying a woman's strength, and your songs are very much like anthems to this movement.

I am very aware of the woman's movement in America, and throughout the globe. It's natural to be a feminist in Sweden and we don't take equality for granted. It's great that people are taking a stand, but no one had to tell me to be feminist. Whether you're black, white, gay, straight — equality should be a given.

So are you allowed to say where you are with the album, its title, the way the rest of the tunes sound?

I was done with it, but then suddenly, I wasn't. I can't say much obviously, but I am beyond excited. Honestly, I hate being secretive as you know from my songs, but it's not just about me anymore.

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The Downhill Report

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Does our current lack of snow have you down? Don't fret — yet.

Despite what the general public among us might believe, ski season BEGINS in February. No ifs. Buts. Or whatever other adverse term you want to employ. Begins.

Got it?

OK, so the hype begins in October or November, and builds to a crescendo come the holiday season, but there is nothing better than skiing in the heart of February, March and, yes, April.

Oh, the weather? Right. Yes, it's been mild here in the Commonwealth, which is to assume adverse conditions from Bar Harbor to Yawgoo.

Except, that's not so. Let's consider this single case study.

I'm not talking about the upper reaches of the Green or White Mountain states, either. Try Central Mass., where Wachusett Mountain is in the best shape I've ever skied it.

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To be honest, it's a heck of an improvement from the last time I skied Wachusett, some three or four years ago. And yes, it will go into March. Maybe April.

So, don't worry about the temps. OK?

"It's something we've wanted to do, but last year really emphasized the need," Wachusett spokesperson Tom Meyers told me. "This new snowmaking project will certainly allow us to make up."

It has. As far as snowmaking goes, it's among the best I've ever skied.

So, let's now freak out. OK?

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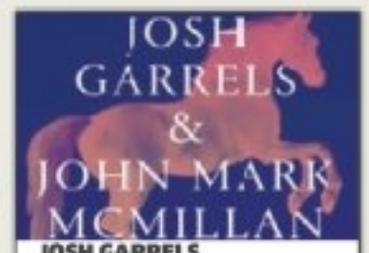

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Margherita Missoni bring sunshine to Pottery Barn Kids

The Italian designer and ultrachic mom just launched a collection for the home retailer.

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You might recognize Margherita Missoni Amos from high-society pages of fashion magazines, where the heiress to Italian brand Missoni is often featured in photos from fabulous parties, clad in her family's iconic zigzag knits.

But design is in her blood, and after having two sons, Otto and Augusto, with husband Eugenio Amos, she launched a childrenswear line, Margherita Kids, in 2015. Now, Missoni Amos is branching out into kids' furnishings, with a home line for Pottery Barn Kids.

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The 50-piece capsule collection, which debuted last week, includes sunny, whimsical decor for the nursery, bedroom and playroom.

"My home, including the nurseries for my two young boys, definitely incorporates my mix-and-match style," says the Italian-based designer. "I love to play with color, print and texture."

Her bohemian aesthetic is evident throughout the line: Free-spirited daisies are a main motif decorating poufs, mirrors and sheets ("Margherita" means "daisy" in Italian, and the flower is a signature in her children's clothing collection); pillows are embroidered with sweet Italian sayings and plush, colorful pompoms cover quilts.

"I love pairing classic and timeless items with things that are a bit more playful," she says. "It's important for your home to be a reflection of your own personal taste."

Below, Missoni Amos takes us through more of her favorites.

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1 What are some trends in kids' furniture you're loving?

As a parent, I now understand how important it is to have a comfy armchair in a child's bedroom. Inevitably, you'll use it a lot — for middle-of-the-night calls, reading to your little one and cuddling before bedtime. I wouldn't necessarily call this a "trend," but I'm a huge proponent of incorporating child-size furniture into kids' rooms such, as the Daisy Chair and Floral Printed Anywhere Chair. I strongly believe that it's important for children to be surrounded by furniture that's both approachable and size-appropriate.

2 What are some mom blogs/ sites you read?

Some of my favorites are Grace-Magazine, Not So Mumsy and Jet Set Mama.

3 Where did you look for inspiration?

I wanted to create a line of home furnishings that would inspire and empower kids to be imaginative and inventive. The collection is also joyful and whimsical and I think both parents and children alike will love the designs.

4 What are the must-have items for a kid's room?

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Politics trumps the NFL in TV ratings

The true test on whether or not the NFL's ratings are in decline will come this Sunday.

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Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton were a better TV draw than Aaron Rodgers and Eli Manning this past fall. GETTY IMAGES

The NFL has touted itself as the only bulletproof TV product in the U.S. for years now. While live TV ratings for traditional shows continue to dip across the board (due mainly to on demand content, online streaming and an oversaturation of channels), the NFL was thought to be recession-proof. That was until politics became more cut-throat and more bloody than anything you'll see on an NFL Sunday.

"The NFL's ratings were so far down," then-President-elect Donald Trump said at an early December rally in Cincinnati. "And you know what the reason was? Because this business is tougher than the NFL. Their ratings were down 20, 21 percent, and it was because of us."

Trump's football ratings bashing did have merit as — according to Sports Illustrated — CBS' regional NFL coverage was down 9 percent, Thursday Night Football was down 18 percent, "Sunday Night Football" was down 24 percent from early September to late-October. Not coincidentally, that time period was the heart of the U.S. Presidential election cycle, and 2016 was CNN's most successful year ever, as its ratings jumped 76 percent from the previous year.

The first two presidential debates between Trump and Hillary Clinton drew a combined 37.2 rating (the first debate drew an unprecedented 84 million views), according to Forbes. A key Week 5 matchup between two marquee NFL franchises — the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers — earned just a 10.2 rating when it went head-to-head with the second debate. Three days before Election Day, Denver and Oakland drew just a 10.4 rating (18.3 million viewers) on Sunday night and in the first post-election Sunday night game, the Patriots and Seahawks drew a 12.7 rating (22 million viewers), according to Sportsmediawatch.com.

Ratings went up across the board for the NFL in December, a time in which Trump was often radio silent, but political news picked up again to start the new year (President Barack Obama bidding farewell, Trump's cabinet picks, Trump's inauguration, political protests), and it would go head-to-head with the NFL playoffs. Again, football lost the battle. Only two of the 10 NFL playoff games this year scored a better rating than the previous year (according to Sportsmediawatch.com).

Super Bowl ratings have remained steady this decade, as the NFL typically gets around a 70 percent share of U.S. TV viewership on Super Sunday, with a 46.0 rating being the norm in the past few years. The Super Bowl between the Patriots and the Seahawks two years ago was the most-watched show in U.S. TV history with an audience of 112.2 million (47.5 rating). Last year's Super Bowl between the Broncos and Panthers saw a tiny dip in ratings, drawing 111.9 million viewers.

The NFL is surely hoping the return of the Patriots on the league's grandest stage will help the sagging numbers, but with the unheralded Atlanta Falcons as the other participant, it's a strong bet that this Sunday's game won't set any ratings records.

Trump and football

President Trump will continue at least one presidential tradition as he will be the subject of a sit-down interview during the Super Bowl pregame show. Fox, which is broadcasting this year's Super Bowl, will have Bill O'Reilly conduct the interview and it will air around 4 p.m. this Sunday.

- Trump once owned a pro football team, the USFL's New Jersey Generals, in the 1980s.

- Trump maintains friendships with Pats owner Robert Kraft, head coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady. He also recently appointed New York Jets owner Woody Johnson to be the U.S. ambassador to Britain.

Metro readers: Give us your predictions!

Will the Patriots be able to land another Lombardi Trophy this Sunday? Metro wants your predictions and we want to print them in Friday's paper. E-Mail Metro Sports Editor Matt Burke — matthew.burke@metro.us — your score prediction for the Super Bowl and three to four sentences on why you think the Patriots will win (or, if you're an insane person, three to four sentences on why the Falcons will win). GETTY IMAGES

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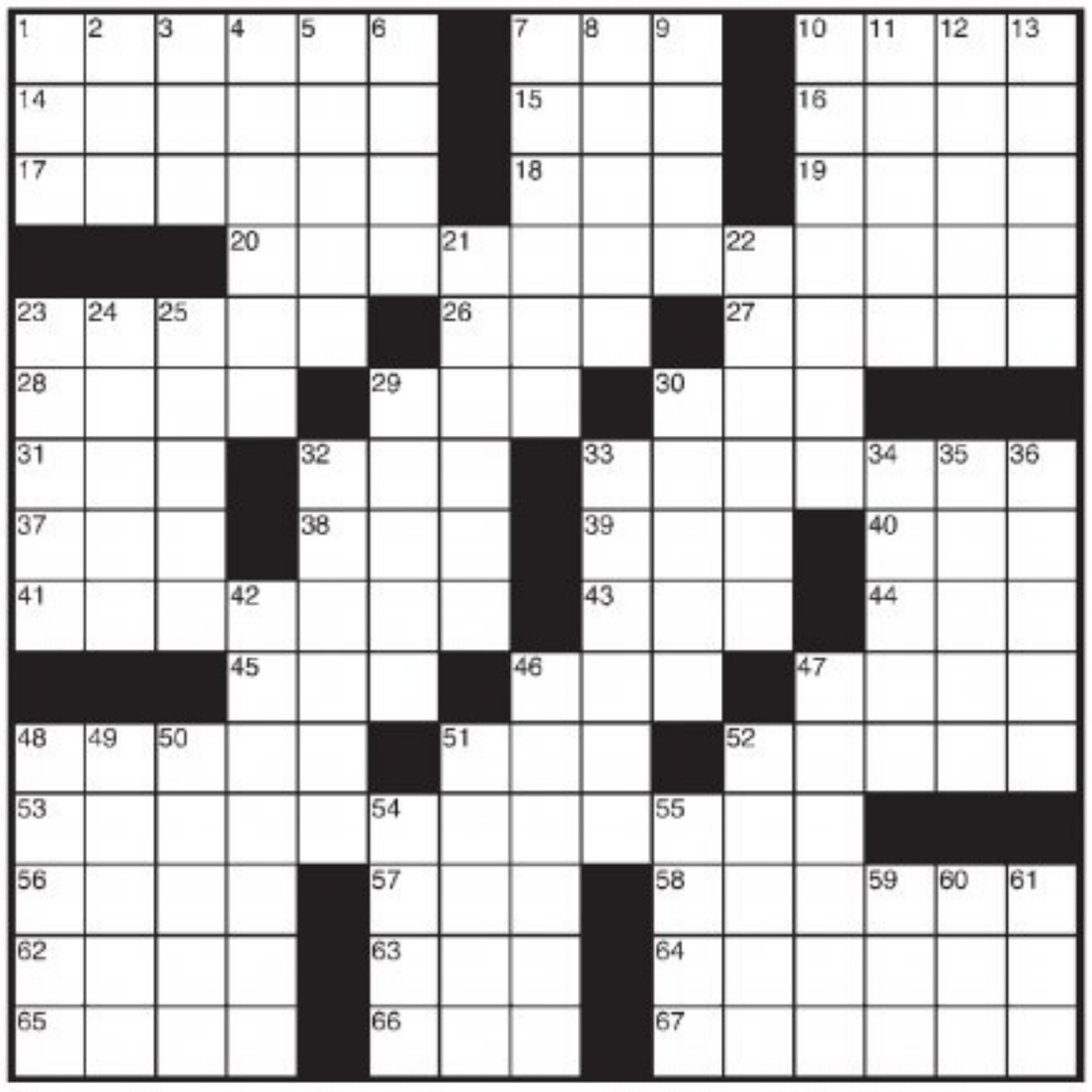

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Aries High energy and an impulsive nature will bring good results if you are disciplined, prepared and organized. Reach for the stars with certainty.

Taurus Your association with a group of interesting people willing to explore similar interests will broaden your outlook and help you discover what you really want to pursue.

Gemini You'll be ready to take on the world. Get active and exert discipline in order to bring about positive change. An opportunity will come to you through old colleagues.

Cancer Don't ignore friends, family or children who need your help. Be resourceful and offer solutions, but don't do the work for someone who has made a mistake.

Leo Bring about the changes you've been longing for. Beef up your résumé or pick up skills that will qualify you for a position you desire. Present what you have to offer.

Virgo You'll be offered a bad deal. Ask questions and gather the facts before you make a major decision. Emotionally fueled spending will lead to loss and regret.

Libra Network, express your feelings and reach out to those who can contribute to your plans. Don't neglect your duties at home, or complaints will be made.

Scorpio Discussions will be informative, but before you take someone's word, consider the source and think about if exaggeration has played a role. Rely on your gut feeling.

Sagittarius Home is where the heart is, and making your abode more efficient will pay off. If you are proactive, you will reach a new level of comfort and convenience.

Capricorn Avoid excessive people. Stick to what you know, and avoid making a change based on hearsay or conjecture. Trust your gut feelings when dealing with others.

Aquarius Emotional energy will help you push your way to the top. Whether you are helping others or expanding your own interests, give it your all.

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